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BOARD PREPARES FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

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of Education regarding the testing program for basic learning skills and minimum competencies for 1978-79. Basic learning skills tests will be administered to grades 1, 2 and 3. Students in the tenth grade will be given a screening test on minimum competencies.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Reviewed the report of examination of the school financial records made by Peyton R. Hatcher, Certified Public Accountant.

Received an announcement that the Appomattox County School Division Updated Six - Year Plan for Special Education was approved by the State Board of Education on Thursday, July 27, 1978.

Approved appointment of the following persons to the D. E. Advisory Committee: Mr. Jackie Evans, Mrs. Virginia Hancock, Mr. Pete Neeley, Mr. James Roach and Mrs. A. G. Gaines.

Approved policy statement for free and reduced price meals and free milk for 1978-79 school year.

Approved a request from Miss Patsy Butler for the use of school buses to transport persons to various activities during Railroad Festival. The approval was granted with the understanding that proper insurance will be provided by the Festival Committee and that school bus drivers of the Appomattox County Schools will be used.

Received information regarding an auction of school property scheduled August 19, 1978 at 10:30 a.m., Appomattox County High School. The board gave approval for the auction at a previous meeting.

Set Friday, September 8, 1978 at 3:00 p.m. for the next board meeting. The board will meet at 12:00 noon for lunch and visit in several of the school prior to 3:00 p.m.

Authorized the superintendent to request bids on one 34 passenger bus body and chassis with a lift attachment for handicapped children.

TOWN OF APPOMATTOX RECEIVES EPA GRANT

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ported to council on the two Public Hearings on the Appomattox Comprehensive Plan, one held in Pamplin and one held in Appomattox. Some citizens attending the Appomattox hearing objected to county zoning and asked that it be taken out of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Mayor Pack felt that the opposition was created due to misunderstanding of the plan. It is just a PLAN, a guideline and not a law. Council agreed that citizens should be better informed regarding the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Only one bid was received for telephone rights in the Town of Appomattox, that being from Continental Telephone Company to continue to provide service to Appomattox for the next twenty years.

Britton told council that he had attended a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce, industry, and the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation regarding the traffice problem on Route 460.

A survey is being conducted this month and a plan or plans to improve the traffic problem will be presented at the next meeting of the town council.

At the close of the meeting, Mayor-Elect Ronald Spiggle commended Mayor Henry Pack, on behalf of the members of council and citizens of the Town of Appomattox, for the twelve years of dedicated service he has given to the town. Mayor Pack, who did not choose to run for re-election, presided at his last official meeting on Monday evening.

Mayor Pack expressed pleasure in having always had a good, cooperative, and dedicated council to work with during his years of service to the town. He wished the Mayor-Elect and new council success in completing projects already begun and in carrying on new projects that will benefit the citizens and the Town of Appomattox.

BLOODMOBILE VISIT

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less than 110 pounds. 4. If you have been in a malarious area in the last six months and/or have had anti-malarial drugs in the last three years. 5. If you have a respiratory ailment now. 6. If you have been pregnant within the last six months. 7. If you have diabetes requiring INSULIN injections. 8. If you have had cancer (except certain types of skin cancer). 9. If you have active allergies, hay fever, or asthma on the day you plan to donate. 10. If you have had a tooth extraction or oral surgery in the last 72 hours prior to donating, or have had teeth cleaned or filled with 24 hours prior to the time of donation.

If you have not eaten a substantial meal within six hours, when you come in to donate please get a snack from the canteen before you donate blood. This will save time when you get in line.

Many Of You will not be affected by the above conditions and we look forward to seeing you at Liberty Baptist Church on August 29th between the hours of noon and 6 p.m.

An all out effort is needed to get Appomattox County back on the 100% list again. If you should wish to make an appointment to donate blood, please call 352-8112. We are trying to work toward this system so that those who take time out from work may not have to waste valuable time. Donors without appointments will be taken as soon as possible after arrival. Until the "appointment system" is worked out, we hope you will enjoy the little rest while waiting in line. It's a good time to visit with your neighbors, according to Mrs. Alice Martin, Chairman of Blood Services for Appomattox County.

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BECAUSE OF A DREAM
Lesson for August 20, 1978

Background Scripture: Acts 27
Devotional Reading: Psalms 107:23-32

Rev. Althouse

Some time ago I was conducting a weekend retreat for a church group. One of my presentations was upon the use of dreams as a means of revelation from God. The reaction of the audience was anything but positive. In fact, the mere suggestion that Christians can find God speaking through their dreams brought considerable hostility and the charge that the concept was unscriptural!

An Angel By Night

Whatever else the concept might be, it is definitely not unscriptural! Dreams are important channels of God's revelation from one end of the Bible to the other, spanning both Testaments. The word "dream" or its equivalents appears more than one hundred times in the Bible and there are other occasions in which the word "vision"-is used in a manner that suggests a dream.

A case in point is to be found in Acts 27 when we find Paul on a ship on his way to Rome for trial. Having set sail from Crete despite warning from Paul who foresaw danger, the centurian and ship's captain found themselves in extreme danger and privation. At last they are ready to listen to Paul and he tells them that during the night an angel had appeared to him and assured him that their lives would be spared because God wanted Paul to go to Rome.

In ordinary times they probably would have ignored Paul and his angel by night, but, desperate, they could not afford to ignore him. "So, take heart, men," he assures them, "for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told" (27:25).

All Escaped

There is tremendous irony in this story. There is a sea captain who presumably has much experience on the high seas of the Mediteranean. There is a centurian who commands a hundred Roman soldiers. And there is a prisoner, a suspected madman on his way to Rome to stand trial before the emperor, a man who tells of an angel who visits him in the night and assures him that everyone will be saved. Whose advice prevails? The prisoner named Paul.

Because of his dream or vision they will survive the terrible storm. Because of his angel by night the prisoners will not be executed as the soldiers had planned in the event of shipwreck. Why would all these men listen to a dreamer and prisoner in chains? Because they detected the voice of God speaking through him. Somehow this man in chains was in contact with God and their very survival, it seemed, would depend upon taking the advice of a prisoner!

Why did this message come to a prisoner and not the captain or the centurian? It came to Paul because he was always willing to heed his dreams and be obedient to his visions. He was always ready to listen for and to the voice of God however he might reveal himself. Because of a dream and a dreamer who was obedient, lives were saved and God's plan was fulfilled. And so it can be, even today.

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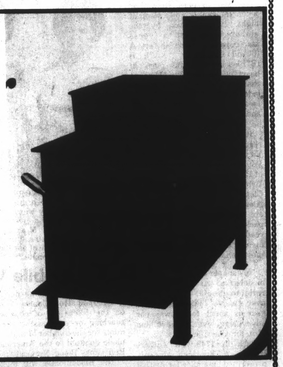

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Galilee S.S. To Go To King's Dominion

The Galilee Church Sunday School will hold its annual outing at King's Dominion in Richmond, Va. this Saturday, August 19. All children are asked to meet at the church at 7:30 am. Parents are urged to have their children out on time.

An unusually large crowd attended the annual homecoming Sunday at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church. A large number of relatives and friends from every community in Appomattox and many from out of state were present. The morning service began at 11 a.m. with the pastor in charge.. Beautiful music was rendered by the Mount Airy Junior Choir. The Rev. Austin of New York was the guest speaker. Dinner was served in the church center. The afternoon service began at 3 p.m. The Rev. W. R. Jones, along with his Ladies Chorus and Young Adult Chorus of the First Baptist Church were the special guests. The entire service was enjoyed by all. The total Home offering was $1,358.90. Rev. Jones will be the speaker throughout the week.

All officers, members and friends are asked to attend the regular preaching service at the Galilee Baptist Church this third Sunday at 11 a.m.

Homecoming services will be held at the Springfield and Mount Zion Baptist Churches this Sunday at the regular preaching service. The general public is invited to attend.

The Cornerstone Association will convene with the Flat Creek Baptist Church located on old Route 29 near Lynchburg, Va. The session will begin this Wednesday and Thursday of this week at 10 a.m.

The baptizing will be held at the Zion Baptist Church Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Regular preaching service will be held at the Zion Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a.m. with the pastor, Rev. L. E. Hankins.

Everyone enjoyed the revival at the Zion Baptist Church last week. The Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. was the guest speaker for the week with a different choir each night. Prayer service was held each night at 7:30 by an auxiliary of the church. During this revival night additions were added to the church. The sick are improving. We are praying for each and everyone.

Rev. and Mrs. Hankins and family were guests in the home of Deacon and Mrs. Frank Johnson and Mrs. Dora Hancock and grandchildren, from New York.

Rev. Hankins and Senior Choir were the special guests at the New Witt Church in Farmville for homecoming.

Rev. Hankins and Senior Choir were special guests Sunday at 7 p.m. on Rev. H. J. Hendrick's 10th anniversary at the White Oak Grove Chruch in Phenix.

Senior Chapter FHA To Meet

Officers and members of the Appomattox County High School Senior Chapter Future Homemakers of America will meet on Friday, August 18, 1978 at 10 a.m. at the high school in the Home Ec Department.

The meeting is for officers and all members interested in helping to decide and build an exhibit for the Five-County Fair. All officers are asked to be present if possible.

DIAL GOOD NEWS
352-7900

Member Appreciation Day & Note Burning Held At Rocks Church

Member Appreciation Day and a Note Burning Ceremony highlighted the day Sunday at Rocks Baptist Church. In the photo above, Bill Hunter of the Farmers National Bank is shown presenting mortgage to Ed Ranson, Treasurer of Rocks Baptist Church, as Rev. A. M. Taylor stands looking on from the pulpit.

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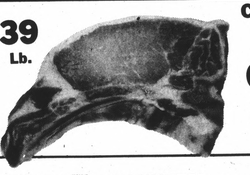
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